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Westminster, April 24.

HER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers; and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. *Aston*, Deputy Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to make a most Gracious Speech to both Houses, which follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Return you My hearty Thanks for the great Zeal and Affection which you have shewn for my Service, and the Publick Good, in the several Affairs which have been before you, especially in that of the Union with Scotland, *which I doubt not will prove a Lasting Blessing to this Island.*

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I am to Thank you in Particular for the Great Dispatch you have made in Providing the Largest and most Effectual Supplies, that have ever been given to the Crown, for the Current Service, in any one Session of Parliament. I am very much Concern'd, that the Publick Occasions require the Raising of such great Sums from My People. I will take Care, they shall be Apply'd to the Uses for which they are given; and I hope, by God's Blessing, We may obtain Advantages from them Answerable to so great an Expence.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is proper for Me before We part to Communicate to you, that I think it Expedient, that the Lords of Parliament of England, *should be the Members of the respective Houses of the First Parliament of* GREAT BRITAIN *for, and in the Part of* England; *And therefore I intend within the Time limited to Publish a Proclamation for that Purpose, pursuant to the Powers given Me by the Acts of Parliament of both Kingdoms, Ratifying the Treaty of Union: And after we have so fully Compleated this Great Work, I assure My self, that when you return to your several Countries, you will omit no Opportunity of making My Subjects sensible of the Security, and the other Great and Lasting Benefits they may reasonably expect from this Happy Union.*

This will Conduce very much to make it prove so, and be a good Preparation to the Success of Our next Meeting; when, I hope, We shall All join Our Sincere and Hearty Endeavours to Promote the Welfare and Prosperity of GREAT BRITAIN.

After which the Lord-Keeper of the Great Seal, by Her Majesty's Command, Prorogu'd the Parliament until *Wednesday* the Thirtieth Day of *April* Instant.

Kensington, April 27. The following Address from the City of *Exeter* was presented to Her Majesty by the Rt. Hon. the Earl *Poulett*, Lord Lieutenant and *Custos Rotulorum* of the County of *Devon*.

To the QUEEN's *most Excellent Majesty.*

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *Exeter*.

May it please Your Majesty,

THE Wisdom and Conduct of Divine Providence reserv'd the late happy Union, as the peculiar and distinguishing Glory of Your Majesty's Auspicious Reign, which evidently appears from the various unsuccessful Attempts of effecting it ever since King James *the First's Accession to the Crown of this Kingdom. The signal Advantages we shall reap from this blessed Conjunction are so numerous and transcendently Great, that we cannot form an adequate Idea, much less take a just Estimate, of them: However, the imperfect Contemplation thereof is so ravishing, that it diffuses a general Satisfaction and Joy among Your Majesty's loyal Subjects, of which Number we solemnly declare our selves to be; and to demonstrate our Title to that Character, we sincerely wish, that all Your Subjects may be firmly united in an unfeigned Affection and Obedience to Your Majesty, that You may have an establish'd and lasting Reign in their Hearts; and then their Heads and Hands, their Lives and Estates, will be chearfully devoted to Your Majesty's Service.*

The following Address from the Grand Jury and Second Inquest of the County Palatine of *Chester* was presented to Her Majesty by Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, Chief Justice of *Chester*.

To the QUEEN's *most Excellent Majesty;*

The humble Address of the Grand Jury and Second Inquest of the County Palatine of *Chester*, assembled at the Assizes held for the said County on Monday *April* 14. 1707.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg Leave humbly to offer our Acknowledgements to Your Majesty for the Union of Your Two Kingdoms of England *and* Scotland; *which we are sensible Your Majesty's Affections to both Kingdoms projected, and Your wise Councils, have so happily accomplish'd:*

Our Ancestors long ago felt the Inconvenience, first of an avow'd Hostility, and afterwards of an incompleat Union, between England *and* Wales: *But the Incorporating* Wales *into* England *has been so Advantagious to both, that it has taught us, that to make them Sharers in the Benefits of our Constitution, was more than to make them Tributaries to it, and to unite them, more than to subdue.*

That Union we account a Specimen of this; which, as of greater Consequence, has been attempted by Your Royal Predecessors; but now appears to have been reserved for Your Majesty.

The most Exemplary Piety was to be upon the Throne, for the Reception of the Blessings of Heaven; the Fleet of England *was to be the Terrour of the Sea; the Conduct and Bravery of Your Generals, the Valour of Your Troops, and the Wisdom of Your Ministry, were to be at the highest Pitch, and the Constitution settled on the true Balance; and then the finishing Union of* Great Britain *was to Crown the Whole.*

May God long preserve Your Majesty, the greatest Blessing to this Island; and may all Your Subjects put on the same Rejoicing with us, of heartily uniting in Your Service, and of contending only in this, who shall best perform his Duty to Your Majesty.

The following Address from the Borough of *Thirsk* was presented to Her Majesty by Sir *Thomas Frankland* and Sir *Godfrey Copley*, Baronets; their Representatives in Parliament; introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Chamberlain.

To the QUEEN's *most Excellent Majesty;*

The humble Address of the Burgesses, Boroughmen, Gentlemen, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of *Thirsk*, within the North-Riding of the County of *York*.

May it please Your Majesty,

AS Your Majesty's unparallel'd Goodness and Wisdom in carrying on and accomplishing an Union between Your Two Kingdoms, so much prayed for, and desired by all Your Majesty's Subjects, who wish'd the Peace and Prosperity of Great Britain, *and the Settlement of the Protestant Succession, can never be enough admired; so neither can the Thanks and due Acknowledgments for this and all other Blessings be ever suitable.*

Happy are Your Majesty's People, who, while they hear of a Neighbouring Prince's being daily disturbed with the just Petitions, Complaints and Remonstrances, of his injured, persecuted, and oppressed Subjects, have the Pleasure to behold Your Majesty's Court crowded with Addresses of Praise and Thankfulness.

And as we believe we can never give Your Majesty a better Proof of our Gratitude, for the many Benefits bestowed upon us, than by uniting in Hearts and Affections for the Service of Your Majesty, the Church and State as by Law established; so we beg Leave to assure Your Majesty, That we will, to the utmost of our Powers, in our several Stations, promote such an Union, heartily praying, That Your Majesty's Reign over us may be long and prosperous, Your Triumphant Fleets and Armies continue to be always Victorious, till at last Your insulting Enemies are reduced to the fatal Necessity of receiving Laws from Your Majesty's Hands.

The following Address from the City of *Lincoln* was presented to Her Majesty by Sir *Thomas Meres* and *Thomas Lister* Esq; their Representatives in Parliament.

To the QUEEN's *most Excellent Majesty.*

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Citizens and Commonalty, of Your Majesty's ancient City of *Lincoln*, in Common-Council assembled.

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, with the rest of the United Body of Great Britain, *most sincerely and heartily congratulate Your Majesty upon this great and glorious Work of an happy Union (although formerly unsuccessfully attempted) yet now brought to Perfection in Your Majesty's most Auspicious Reign. Union is a Word that carries Harmony in its Sound, and may produce all true Happiness that can come to Mankind; it promises Blessings ensuing from Heaven upon us, when, with an united and holy Zeal, we praise Almighty God for the great and wonderful Marks of his Favour that he has conferred upon Your Majesty and Your Kingdoms; it reminds us how we ought with thankful Hearts to express our Duty and Allegiance to Your Majesty, for the many and signal Benefits all Your Subjects enjoy in this Your Majesty's Propitious Reign; and it ought always to put Your Subjects in remembrance of the necessary Obligations of an entire Union among themselves, by which the Purity of our Religion will be preserv'd, Your Majesty's Reign made Glorious and Successful over us, and our Liberties for the future secured to us. 'Tis Union that will continue the Fragrancy of the* English *Rose, and take away the Sharpness of the* Scottish *Thistle: 'Tis that will make* Great Britain *Famous to Generations for to come, and may in due time procure an happy and lasting Peace to Your Majesty's Kingdoms, and continue Your Majesty's Reign long and prosperous over us. Given under our Common Seal the 21st of* April; *Anno Domi* 1707.

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